DR. G. D. NOKES: No, Sir. It applies to long service candidates.

MR. KANNAN THODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Is it not the intention of the rule that the service that a candidate has put in must be considered when reckoning seniority?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The provision for the lower division is that within the community candidates are to be selected according to seniority

Supply of water by electricity in the Iyroor pakuthi.

7. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application for supplying water by electricity in the Iyroor pakuthi in Parur taluk;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) whether the Electrical Department has decided to take up the work?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In October 1939.

(*c*) The question will be taken up for consideration by the Department after studying the results of the experiments now being conducted by the Department in Kuthiathodu.

Budget allotment for the maintenance of Highways in 1114.

8. *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the total allotment in the budget for the year 1114 on account of maintenance of highways;

(*b*) whether the whole amount was utilised for the maintenance of highways; and

(*c*) if not, what was done with the balance?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Ag. Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Maintenance of roads Rs. 9,42,998.
Maintenance of traces Rs. 16,545.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The unspent balance lapsed at the end of the year.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why the amount that was budgeted was not spent fully?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Practically the whole amount has been spent. There was a saving of Rs. 12,783 on the maintenance of roads and Rs. 1,211, due partly to tender deductions and partly unspent balance.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why an excess amount was budgeted?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The budget is based on existing sanctions. Some portions have been taken for maintenance. So there are savings in actual working.

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